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The latest trend created by the digital revolution is the changeover from paperbased resources to electronic media. Significant increase of the number of professional and academic publications emerging in digital format has made it inevitable for libraries to place heavy emphasis on digital and online material..

In keeping up with this trend PGIM Library hopes to introduce more digital and on-line resources commencing from this year and to create an awareness among members on the emerging resources.

Plans are also underway to get a RF link installed in the library to provide uninterrupted and more speedy INTERNET access and file downloading..

### News in Brief

#### CD collection

No CDs were added to the collection during last month.

Members are invited to present any CDs available with them to be shared by their colleagues.

#### Books

14 books were received as donations were added to the collection.

We sincerely thank Dr. (Mrs.) S Ranasinghe, Dr. (Mrs.) H.L.R.N.Ranawaka and Dr. P.Sugandan for their kind gesture. List of these books is available on request.

#### Journals

68 Journal titles were subscribed for this year. List of the journals is available on request via e-mail.

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There are several web sites that provide full text journals in html or pdf format. A print out of this list is available in the library for reference.

### Reports Collection

The library has a collection of Reports covering medicine and related subjects. Readers are advised to ask for assistance from the library staff to locate the reports as these are arranged under numerical order. Please inquire at the library counter for further details.

# USEFUL WEBSITES

## **American Medical Association (AMA)**

The American Medical Association provides ten scientific journals without charge to developing nations. The titles include The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA); Archives of Dermatology; Archives of Facial Plastic Surgery; Archives of General Psychiatry; Archives of Internal Medicine; Archives of Neurology; Archives of Ophthalmology; Archives of Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery; Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine and Archives of Surgery.

<http://www.amapubs.com/>

## **Berkeley Electronic Press (bepress)**

The Berkeley Electronic Press (bepress) makes its current journals freely available to researchers in the developing world. Interested parties should send a request on institutional letterhead. Details of titles can be found at <http://www.bepress.com/>

## **Best of Science**

The *Best of Science* is a free-access scientific publication of preprints and peer-reviewed articles. It is publishing in five major fields split in thousands of special areas: Exact Sciences, Technologies, Biological Sciences, Medical Sciences and Human Sciences. Best of Science authors pay for the publishing process of papers and preprints. Fees are low and especially adapted to respond to the geographical origins of the authors. Papers can be published 1 week after reception. Access to the journal is wholly free. <http://bestofscience.free.fr/>

## **BMJ Journals**

The BMJ Publishing Group has for almost a year provided free access to the electronic version of its 23 specialist journals (<http://www.bmjpg.com/template.cfm?name=specjou>) to anybody in the 50 poorest countries in the world. Now they are extending free access to over 100 of the poorest countries in the world, which between them include most of the world's population (<http://bmj.com/cgi/content/full/324/7334/380>).

Potential subscribers should follow the standard subscription procedure as the BMJ subscription system will automatically recognise the origin of access. <http://www.bmjournals.com/>

## **eJDS - eJournals Delivery Service**

The Abdus Salam ICTP/TWAS Donation Programme, in collaboration with the ICTP Scientific Computer Section and ICTP Library, is developing a prototype information retrieval system called

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## DONATIONS

Donation of books, journals and multimedia which may be useful to users will be very much welcome. Cash donations for library development could be made through a donation to PGIM Development Fund.

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eJDS: eJournals Delivery Service. This is geared to facilitate the access to current scientific literature for scientists in institutions in Third World Countries who have low bandwidth internet facilities. Titles are included from Academic Press, the American Physical Society, Institute of Physics Publishing and World Scientific.

<<http://www.ictp.trieste.it/ejournals/>>

## **Electronic Journal Miner**

Search for e-journals at this site using keywords, or browse e-journals by title or by LC subject headings; you can limit searches to (i) free publications, (2) peer-reviewed publications. Hosted by the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries. The database currently contains 6,960 titles. An excellent resource.

<<http://ejournal.coalliance.org/>>

## **FreeBooks4Doctors!**

The AMEDEOGroup are now making many important medical textbooks available online, free and in full-text. At 1 August 2002 550 titles were included in the service, sorted by speciality and title. FreeBooks4Doctors! also provides a free alert service as new titles are added.

<<http://freebooks4doctors.com/>>

## **The Free Medical Journals Site**

The Free Medical Journals Site is dedicated to the promotion of free access to medical journals over the Internet. At 1 August 2002 it included over 970 full-text journals sorted by subject, language, and title, as well as highlight free journals with high impact factors. There is also a mailing list to alert you as new free journals are added to their list.

<<http://www.freemedicaljournals.com/>>

## **HighWire Press: Sources of free On-Line full text articles and journals**

HighWire Press work with scholarly societies and responsible publishers to host their content online. They do not own the material, nor do they set the journals' policies.

HighWire contains over 430,011 free full-text articles as of August 2002. HighWire Press at Stanford University develops and maintains the Web versions of important journals in biomedicine and other disciplines. A list of journals with free full-text articles online is available

<<http://www.highwire.org/lists/freeart.dtl>>

The link <<http://www.highwire.org/lists/devecon.dtl>> lists the journals published online with the assistance of HighWire Press which offer free online access to current content (not just back issues) to all countries that appear in the World Bank's list of "low income economies" (plus Djibouti).

## **INASP Health Links**

A Gateway to selected Web sites of special interest to health professionals, medical library communities, publishers, and NGOs in developing and transitional countries.

<<http://www.inasp.info/links/health/index.html>>

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## **Journal of Biology**

The Journals of Biology is a new international journal, published by BioMed Central, which provides immediate open access to research articles of the highest standard, similar to those published by Nature, Science or Cell. Unlike the latter, all research articles published in Journal of Biology will be permanently available free of charge and without restrictions, ensuring the widest possible dissemination of the work.

<<http://www.jbiol.com/>>

## **MedicalStudent.com**

MedicalStudent.com is described as a digital library of authoritative medical information for all students of medicine. It is meant to serve as a “pico portal” for users interested in quality medical resources on the Internet. Contains over 250 medical textbooks arranged alphabetically in topics from Anatomy to Urology. Each textbook included is free to use, in part or in whole

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## **Multilingual Matters/Channel View Publications**

Free electronic access to journals for institutional subscribers in countries of “low human development” as defined by the Human Development Index are now offered. The company will also offer subscriptions at a substantially reduced rate to institutional subscribers in countries of “medium human development”.

Libraries wishing to take up this offer should contact:

Email: [info@multilingual-matters.com](mailto:info@multilingual-matters.com) <<mailto:info@multilingual-matters.com>>

## **PubMed Central**

PubMed Central is an open access web-based archive of journal literature for all of the life sciences. It is being developed by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) at the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM). <<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>>

### **Reproductive Health Library (RHL)**

A subscription to the WHO Reproductive Health Library is free to individuals in developing countries by sending the request to the e-mail address:

[rhl@who.int](mailto:rhl@who.int) <<mailto:rhl@who.int>>

### **SARA - Scholarly Articles Research Alerting**

A special email service designed to deliver tables of contents for any Taylor & Francis, Carfax, Routledge, Spon Press, Martin Dunitz or Psychology Press journal. This service is completely free of charge, all you need to do is register. <<http://www.tandf.co.uk/sara>>

### **SciELO Scientific Electronic Library Online**

The objective of the site is to implement an electronic virtual library, providing full access to a collection of serial titles, a collection of issues from individual serial titles, as well as to the full text of articles. The access to both serial titles and articles is available via indexes and search forms. No charge is made.

<[http://www.scielo.br/scielo.php?script=sci\\_alphabetic&lng=en&nrm=iso](http://www.scielo.br/scielo.php?script=sci_alphabetic&lng=en&nrm=iso)>

### **Scirus**

A specialist search engine for scientific, technical and medial information sources. It offers two types of services: Web sources provide information for which no subscription or online registration is required. Scirus searches the entire Web and excludes sites with no scientific content. Examples of Web sources are university Web sites, learned society pages, scientists home pages, preprint servers, commercial companies, etc. Membership sources are information sources for which either a paid subscription or online registration is required, and often including peer-reviewed scientific information not directly accessible by standard search engines. <<http://scirus.com/>>

### **UNESCO**

The UNESCO catalog lists over 100,000 UNESCO documents and provides access to the full text of many of these. <<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/ulis/>>

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